

## **Sierra Club right about Highlands nominee Sam Race**

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In his Nov. 27 letter, Jim Kelsey of Independence accuses N.J. Sierra Club director Jeff Tittel of hitting "a ranting new low in calling Sam Race an extremist."

Simply put, Race, who was nominated by Gov. Chris Christie last week in a slate of mostly anti-environmentalists to the Highlands Council, is an extremist. Race is on record opposing the Highlands Act, calling it a "bureaucratic expansion" into "population control."

Race had supported the Warren County Freeholders in their failed attempt to overturn the Highlands Act and had posted anti-Highlands Act literature at his farm stand in White Township. Race's public position is not in the least mainstream and certainly not among the 5.4 million people in New Jersey who rely upon the Highlands as the source of their drinking water.

Race is among the handful of loud and persistent property rights activists who continue to interfere with the successful regional planning initiatives of the Highlands Council.

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